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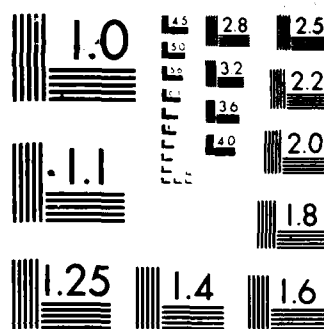
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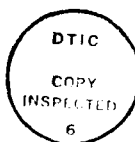
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## ABSTRACT

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## 1. Introduction.

A regenerative set is a set which form a probabilistic replica of itself after each stopping time which belongs to this set. The theory of regenerative sets was of a considerable interest for quite a while. Such sets are associated with visiting times of a point by a strong Markov process. Any such set can be obtained as a range, i.e., closure of the image, of a process with independent increments or a subordinator (see Maisonneuve [7], [8]).

Recently, there were several publications investigating stationary regenerative sets on a real line. They correspond to visiting times of a point by stationary strong Markov processes. In a seminal paper by Taksar [13] it was shown that all such sets are in one-to-one correspondence with the limiting ranges of the subordinators having finite expectations. The construction first employed consisted of taking the range of the process with uniform on  $[-2n, -n]$  initial distribution and passing to a limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Future generalizations and developments of the theory of regenerative sets were done in Maisonneuve [9], Fitzsimmons, Fristedt and Maisonneuve [1], Taksar [14]. In Maisonneuve [9] construction of stationary regenerative sets were done via obtaining a stationary distribution for the semigroup of the "residual life" process associated with the jumps of a subordinator.

The regenerative sets studied so far had finite underlying distribution  $P$ . In recent years, however, a new type of Markov processes emerged for which the underlying "probability measure"  $P$  is not finite but  $\sigma$ -finite. Accordingly, the visiting sets associated with such processes have infinite underlying distribution.

In this paper we present a simple method of construction of stationary regenerative sets which deals both with finite and infinite underlying distribution. We consider the Kuznetsov measure on the space of all trajectories  $Y$ , associated with

the transition function of a subordinator and Lebesgue invariant measure. Then we consider, the first hitting time  $T$  of the positive half line by this process. The joint distribution of  $T$  and the range  $M$  of  $Y$  is  $\sigma$ -finite and could be represented as a product of two measures. The second multiplier in this product gives us the distribution of a stationary regenerative set.

The paper structured as following. In section two we give general properties of subordinators which are necessary for a construction of stationary sets. In the third section we study the range of the stationary subordinator with Lebesgue one-dimensional distribution. We show how to obtain a stationary regenerative law via the distribution of the stationary subordinator. In the last section we prove that  $-M$  has the same law as  $M$ .

## 2. Generalities.

In our notations and definitions we follow Maisonneuve [9], Fitzsimmons, Fristedt and Maisonneuve [1] with corrections made in Maisonneuve [10].

We denote by  $\mathcal{Q}$  a collection of all closed sets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $\omega^\circ \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  put, assuming  $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$ .

$$d_t(\omega^\circ) = \inf\{s > t : s \in \omega^\circ\}, \quad r_t(\omega^\circ) = d_t(\omega^\circ) - t,$$

$$\tau_t(\omega^\circ) = \overline{(\omega^\circ - t) \cap ]0, \infty[} = \overline{\{s - t : s \in \omega^\circ, s > t\}},$$

where the bar over a set stands for the closure of the set. We denote by  $\mathcal{G}^\circ$  ( $\mathcal{G}_t^\circ$  respectively) the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $d_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $d_s$ ,  $s \leq t$  respectively). The process  $d_t$  is an increasing cad-lag process optional with respect to  $\mathcal{G}_t^\circ$ , subject to  $d_t \geq t$ . Knowing  $d_t$ , one can reconstruct  $\omega^\circ$  by the formula  $\omega^\circ = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : d_{t-} = t\}$ .

We will call a random set on a space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  a measurable mapping  $M: (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{G}^\circ)$ .

The process  $D_t \triangleq d_t \circ M$  and  $R_t \triangleq r_t \circ M$  are cad-lag and measurable as well as  $M_t \triangleq \tau_t \circ M$ , that is the mapping  $(t, \omega) \rightarrow M_t(\omega)$ ,  $t \leq +\infty$  is a measurable mapping of  $((\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}) \times \Omega, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}} \times \mathcal{F})$  into  $(\Omega^0, \mathcal{G}^0)$ .

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space with  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $P$  and let  $G_t$  be a filtration of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

(2.1) Definition. A random set  $M$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is regenerative if the process  $D_t = d_t \circ M$  is adapted to  $G_t$  and there exists a probability measure  $P^0$  on  $(\Omega^0, \mathcal{G}^0)$  with  $P^0(\Omega^0) = 1$  such that for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $f \in b\mathcal{G}^0$  (the set of bounded  $\mathcal{G}^0$ -measurable functions).

$$(2.2) \quad P\{f \circ M_{D_t} | G_t\} = P^0\{f\}.$$

The measure  $P^0$  is called the law of regeneration.

Let  $(X_t, P^X)$  be a subordinator on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  that is an increasing process with independent increments with respect to a filtration  $H_t$ , and transition probabilities  $P^X$ . It is characterized by a nonnegative constant  $\lambda$  and measure  $\Pi$  on  $]0, \infty[$  such that  $\Pi(x \wedge 1) < \infty$ . For such a process

$$(2.3) \quad P^0\{e^{-sX_t}\} = e^{-tg(s)},$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad g(s) = \lambda s + \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-sx}) \Pi(dx).$$

The range  $M(\omega) \triangleq \overline{X_{\mathbb{R}_+}}$  is a regenerative set with respect to the filtration  $G_t \triangleq H_{T_t}$ , where

$$T_t = \inf\{u > 0 : X_u > t\}$$

and the law of regeneration  $P^0$ .



Let  $U(x, \Gamma)$  be the potential kernel of the process  $X$ :

$$(2.5) \quad U(x, \Gamma) \triangleq P^x \left\{ \int_0^\infty 1_\Gamma(X_t) dt \right\}.$$

In view of obvious relation

$$(2.6) \quad P^x \{f(X_t)\} = P^0 \{f(X_{t-x})\},$$

we have that

$$(2.7) \quad U(x, \Gamma) = U(\Gamma - x),$$

where  $U(\Gamma) \triangleq U(0, \Gamma)$ . From (1.3) and (1.5), using Fubini's theorem, we get

$$(2.8) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-s} U(dx) = g(s)^{-1}, \quad s > 0.$$

Let  $\delta_x$  denote a unit measure concentrated at the point  $x$ , and  $m$  be the Lebesgue measure.

(2.9) Proposition. Let

$$(2.10) \quad \pi(\Gamma) = \lambda \delta_0(\Gamma) + \int_\Gamma \Pi]x, \infty[dx.$$

Then

$$(2.11) \quad \int_0^\infty U(x, \Gamma) \pi(dx) = m(\Gamma \cap \mathbb{R}_+).$$

Proof. Take Laplace transform of the measure in the right hand side of (2.11).

By (2.7) and (2.8)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\infty e^{-sy} \int_0^\infty U(x, dy) \pi(dx) &= \int_0^\infty \pi(dx) \int_x^\infty e^{-sy} U(x, dy) \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \pi(dx) e^{-sx} \int_0^\infty e^{-sz} U(x, dz) \\
 &= g(s)^{-1} \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} \pi(dx) = g(s)^{-1} (\lambda + \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} \Pi]x, \infty[dx) \\
 &= g(s)^{-1} (\lambda + \int_0^\infty s^{-1} (1 - e^{-sx}) \Pi(ds)) = s^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the Laplace transform of the right hand side of (2.11) equals the Laplace transform of the left hand side.

Let  $W$  be the set of all trajectories  $Y_t$ ,  $-\infty < t < +\infty$  endowed with the Kolmogorov  $\sigma$ -field  $F$ . Let  $P^X$  be a family of transition probabilities on  $\mathcal{B}(Y_s, s \geq 0)$ .

The next theorem is a particular version of the result of Kuznetsov [6].

(2.12) Theorem. Let  $\eta$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  invariant with respect to the transition probabilities  $P^X$ . There exists a  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $Q_\eta$  on  $(W, F)$  under which  $Y_s$ ,  $-\infty < s < +\infty$  is strong Markov and stationary with transition probabilities  $P^X$  and one-dimensional laws  $\eta$ . The measure  $Q_\eta$  is finite iff  $\eta(\mathbb{R}) < \infty$ .

We apply this theorem to Lebesgue measure  $m$  and transition probabilities  $P^X$  of a subordinator. We call  $Q_m$  the canonical Kuznetsov measure for the subordinator. This measure will be our main tool in description of stationary sets.

### 3. Construction of stationary regenerative sets.

Let  $(X, P^X)$  be a subordinator and  $Q = Q_m$  be the canonical Kuznetsov measure on  $(W, F)$  associated with this subordinator. Let  $(W, F, F_t, Y_t, Q)$  be the corresponding stationary Markov process and  $\sigma_s$  be the shift operator in  $W$  such that  $Y_t \circ \sigma_s = Y_{t+s}$ .

Let  $T$  be a  $\bar{F}$ -measurable random variable, where  $\bar{F}$  is a  $Q$ -completion of  $F$ . We call  $T$  intrinsic if  $T = u + T \circ \sigma_u$  for each  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(3.1) Proposition. Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two intrinsic times and let  $A \in F$  be an invariant event that is  $\sigma_u^{-1} \circ A = A$  for all  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be any two nonnegative Borel functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(t) dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t) dt$$

Then

$$Q\{\psi(S); A\} = Q\{\phi(T); A\}$$

Proof. Put

$$a = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(t) dt \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t) dt > 0.$$

then, using Febuini's theorem and the relation  $Q \circ \sigma_u^{-1} = Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \ Q\{\psi(S); A\} &= Q\{\psi(S) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(T+u); A\} \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q\{\psi(S) \phi(T+u); A\} du \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q\{\psi(S \circ \sigma_u) \phi(T \circ \sigma_u + u); \sigma_u^{-1} \circ A\} du \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q\{\psi(S-u) \phi(T); A\} du \\
 &= a \ Q\{\phi(T); A\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Put

$$T_s = \inf\{t > -\infty : Y_t > s\}$$

Since  $Y$  is a.e.Q increasing process, it is clear that  $T_s$  is an intrinsic time.

Consider a random set  $M$  on  $(W, F)$

$$M(Y_*) = \bar{Y}_{\mathbb{R}_+},$$

(3.2) Theorem. There exists a  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $P_s$  on  $\Omega^2$  such that for each  $A \in G^2$  and each  $B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$

$$Q\{1_B(T_s) 1_A(M)\} = m(B) P_s\{A\}.$$

Proof. 1°. Let  $Q$  be the law on  $\mathbb{R} \times \Omega^\circ$  of  $(T, M)$  under  $Q$ . Then for  $f \in b\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $g \in b\mathcal{G}^\circ$ ,  $g = h(r_{s_1}, r_{s_2}, \dots, r_{s_n})$ . Then (we put  $T = T_s$  below).

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{Q}\{f(s)g(\omega^\circ)\} &= Q\{f(T)h(Y_{T_{s_1}}, Y_{T_{s_2}}, \dots, Y_{T_{s_n}})\} \\ &= Q\{f(T+u)h(Y_{T_{s_1}}, Y_{T_{s_2}}, \dots, Y_{T_{s_n}})\} = \tilde{Q}\{f(x+u)g(\omega^\circ)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The second equality in (3.3) is due to the stationarity of the process  $Y$  under the measure  $Q$ . By virtue of Gettoor [3],  $\tilde{Q}$  can be represented as

$$(3.4) \quad \tilde{Q} = m \times P_s,$$

where  $P_s$  is a  $\Sigma$ -finite measure on  $\Omega^\circ$  (i.e.,  $P_s$  is a countable sum of finite measures)

2°. Because  $Y_t$  is an increasing process and because  $Q\{T=t\}=0$ , we have

$$Q\{f(Y_t), T < t\} = Q\{f(Y_t), Y_t > 0\} = m\{1\}_{0, \infty}[f].$$

Let

$$\mu(\Gamma) = Q\{Y_T \in \Gamma, 0 \leq T < 1\}.$$

By virtue of (3.5) and Theorem (2.4)(iv) of [2]

$$m\{1_{\mathbb{R}_+} f\} = \mu U(f)$$

where  $U$  is the potential kernel given by (2.5).

In view of Proposition (2.9)

$$(3.6) \quad \mu = \pi$$

In view of (3.6) and Theorem (2.4)(i) of [2]

$$(3.7) \quad Q\{Y_T \in A, T \in \Gamma\} = m(\Gamma)\pi(A).$$

3. By virtue of (3.4) and Fubini's theorem

$$(3.8) \quad P_S\{A\} = Q\{\psi(T); M(Y_\bullet) \in A\}$$

for any  $A \in \mathcal{G}$  and any  $\psi \in b\mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\psi \geq 0$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t) dt = 1$$

Let  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}_+}$  and  $A = \{\omega : r_S(\omega) \in \Gamma\}$ . Substituting in (3.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_S\{r_S \in \Gamma\} &= Q\{1_\Gamma(Y_T)\psi(T) \\ (3.9) \quad &= \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} 1_\Gamma(x)\psi(t)\pi(dx)dt = \pi(\Gamma) \end{aligned}$$

The second equality in (3.9) is due to (3.7). Relation (3.9) shows that  $P_S$  is a  $\pi$ -finite measure.

(3.10) Proposition. For any  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$P_s = P_t$$

Proof. Let  $P = P_0$ . Since  $M(Y \circ \sigma_s) = (M(Y.))$  we get that  $A = \{M \in \Gamma\}$  is an invariant set. By virtue of (3.8) and Proposition (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} P_s\{\Gamma\} &= Q\{\psi(T_s); A\} \\ &= Q\{\psi(T_0); A\} = P_0\{\Gamma\} = P\{\Gamma\}. \end{aligned}$$

(3.11) Theorem. The random set  $M(\omega^\circ) =$  on  $(\Omega^\circ, F^\circ, P)$  is a stationary regenerative set with respect to the filtration  $G_t = \sigma(r_s, s \leq t)$  with the law of regeneration  $P^0$ .

The measure  $P$  is finite iff

$$(3.12) \quad \int_0^\infty x \Pi(dx) < \infty$$

Proof. 1°. Let  $\theta_x: \Omega^\circ \rightarrow \Omega^\circ$ ,  $\theta_x(\omega^\circ) = \omega^\circ - x$  and  $\phi_x: W \rightarrow W$ ,  $(\phi_x(Y.))_t = Y_t - x$ . Then

$$(3.13) \quad M(\phi_x(Y.)) = \theta_x(M(Y.)),$$

$$T_s(\phi_x(Y.)) = T_{s+x}(Y.).$$

Since both the initial distribution (the Lebesgue measure) and the transition probabilities  $P^x$  are spatially invariant, we have

$$Q \circ \phi_x^{-1} = Q$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, using (3.13),

$$\begin{aligned} (3.14) \quad P\{\theta_x^{-1}A\} &= Q\{\psi(T_0); M \circ \phi_x \in A\} = \\ &= Q\{\psi(T_{-x}) \circ \phi_x; M \circ \phi_x \in A\} \\ &= Q\{\psi(T_{-x}); M \in A\} = P_{-x}\{A\}. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Proposition (3.10),  $P_{-x} = P$ , therefore (3.14) equals  $P(A)$ . This shows that  $P$  is the law of a stationary set.

2°. Let  $f \in bG^\circ$  and  $A \in G^\circ$ . Then  $\{M(Y.) \in A\} \in F_{T_0}$ . Using the strong Markov property for  $Y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.15) \quad P(f \circ M_{D_0}; A) &= Q\{\psi(T_0)f(M_{D_0}); M(Y.) \in A\} \\
 &= Q\{\psi(T_0)P^0\{f\}; M(Y.) \in A\} = P\{P^0\{f\}; A\} \\
 &= P\{A\}P^0\{f\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of stationarity, (3.15) will hold if  $D_0$  is replaced by  $T_t$ . The latter shows that  $P$  has regenerative property with the law of regeneration  $P^0$ .

3°. In view of (3.9) and Proposition (3.10)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\{\Omega^\circ\} &= P\{r_s \in \mathbf{R}\} = \pi(\mathbf{R}) \\
 &= \lambda + \int_0^\infty \Pi]x, \infty[dx = \lambda + \int_0^\infty x\Pi(dx).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $P\{\Omega^\circ\} < \infty$  iff (3.12) holds.

#### 4. Reversability properties of regenerative sets

For simplicity we will consider here only perfect regenerative sets. Discrete case is treated similarly. For this sets the regenerative law  $P^0$  is the law of a strictly increasing subordinator.



(4.1) Theorem. If  $M$  is a stationary regenerative set then  $-M$  has the same law as  $M$ .

Proof 1°. Consider the process  $(W, F, F_t, Y, Q)$  which generates the set  $M$ .

Let  $\hat{Y}_t = -(Y_{(-t)-})$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 &= \inf\{t: \hat{Y}_t > 0\} = -\sup\{t: Y_{t-} < 0\} \\ (4.2) \quad &= -\sup\{Y_t < 0\} = -\inf\{Y_t > 0\} = -T_0, \text{ a.s. } Q \end{aligned}$$

The third and the fourth equalities in (4.2) hold because  $Y$  is strictly increasing a.s.  $Q$ .

2°. Simple calculations show that  $\hat{Y}_t$  is a Markov process with the same one-dimensional distributions and potential kernel  $U$  as  $Y_t$ . Thus  $\hat{Y}_t$  has the same law as  $Y_t$ . Let  $\psi(x) = .5 \exp -|x|$ . Let  $\hat{M} = M(\hat{Y} \cdot)$ . Then  $\hat{M} = -M$ ; and by virtue of (3.8)

$$\begin{aligned} P\{M \in A\} &= Q\{\psi(T_0); M(Y \cdot) \in A\} \\ &= Q\{\psi(-T_0); M(Y \cdot) \in A\} \\ &= Q\{\psi(\hat{T}); -M(\hat{Y}) \in A\} = P\{-M \in A\} \end{aligned}$$

The latter shows that  $M$  and  $-M$  have the same distribution.

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